AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 31, as follows:

As may be seen in particular in Figs. 4 and 5, all of the openings for receiving spaces and the mouth of the cavity 15 for the shut-off piston and the electromagnetic control elements of the valve are situated in the region of the head end 5 of the valve body 4. Thus, the coupling piece 8 without a non-return valve is screwed into a receiving space 9 provided with an internal thread [[9]] 9' at the head end 5 of the valve body 4. The coupling piece 8 without a non-return valve is used for the connection to the engine or to a further gas cylinder 1. The coupling piece 10 in the opposite receiving space 11 has a non-return valve and is used for the connection to a refuelling system. Situated in the region of the coupling pieces 8, 10 are openings of flow channels 12, 13, 14, which are connected to the cavity 15 for receiving the electromagnetic control elements 25, 28, 29 and the shut-off piston 31. A further flow channel 16 connects the electromagnetic valve via a flow restrictor 17 to the interior of the gas cylinder 1. A manually actuable shut-off valve 18 is disposed in the flow channel 16 to the flow restrictor 17 inside the gas cylinder 1. By means of a suitable turning tool this manual shut-off valve 18 may be closed, thereby interrupting the gas flow to the cavity 15. Further flow channels 19 lead from the interior of the gas cylinder 1 to a pressure relief element in the form of a rupture diaphragm 20, which bursts in the event of an excessively high pressure inside the gas cylinder 1. A flow channel 21 likewise leads from the interior of the gas cylinder 1 to the thermal safety device 22.